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For: SIZE REDUCTION OF CHIP MOUNTING SYSTEM

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicants received an *Election of Species Requirement*, dated August 9, 2005, in the above-named Application. In the *Election of Species Requirement*, the Examiner alleged that the instant Application contains "claims directed to ... patentably distinct species." Specifically, the Examiner alleges that: (1) Species I is shown in Figures 4 and 6; (2) Species II is shown in Figures 9A to 9D; and (3) Species III is shown in Figure 11. The Examiner believes that there are no generic claims.

Applicants respectfully submit that the above identification of species is incorrect, for several reasons.

First, Figure 4, which the Examiner alleges to be a species of the invention, is actually a “Prior Art” figure.

Second, FIG. 6, which the Examiner alleges to show one of the “species,” is in fact a drawing showing an exemplary embodiment of the invention, *i.e.*, the chip mounting system 11, as a whole.

Third, rather than showing species of the invention different from that of FIG. 6, the remaining Figures of the Application simply show in greater detail the features of the chip mounting system 11. For example, FIGS. 7-10 illustrate the mechanism to supply substrates U to the stage 14, and FIGS. 11-12B illustrate the mechanism to supply chips to chip supply stage 18 for mounting on the substrates U.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the current Election of Species Requirement.

Notwithstanding the above, to comply with PTO rules, Applicants respectfully elect Species I, Figure 6, on which all of the pending claims 1-35 (claims 1 and 36-69 after entry of the *Amendment* discussed below) read.

As an additional matter, since the March 12, 2004 *Preliminary Amendment* cancelled pending claims 2-27, the May 9, 2005 *Amendment* should have added new claims starting at claim 28, rather than claim 2. Although the Examiner did not object to this erroneous claim labeling, Applicants correct the claim numbering in the *Amendment* filed herewith by canceling claims 2-35, and adding claims 36-69, which are identical to claims 2-35.

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